

STRIKE PACT TALKS STILL SWAYING: NO FINALITY

Hong Kong Dollar Rating

Shanghai, Aug. 20.
The Foreign Exchange Standardization Committee, announced today the Hong Kong dollar rate of CN\$1.650 buying and CN\$1.750 selling on the basis of the U.S. dollar rate.

The U.S. dollar open market rate was unchanged today at CN\$34.500 buying and CN\$39.500 selling.—United Press.

New Air Speed Record

Muroc, California, Aug. 21.

A stub-winged Navy jet-propelled D-556 Douglas Skystreak, piloted by a veteran combat flier, today bellowed four times over a three-kilometre course at an average of 640.7 miles per hour to set a new international air speed record.

The plane, piloted by Commander Turner F. Caldwell, clocked 653.4 miles an hour on the fastest of its four flashing passes.

The course was over this arid Mojave desert Army air base.

Caldwell, who flew scouting planes and fighters in the Pacific area during the war, said his speed runs were made at an altitude of about 75 feet.

The new record was 16.9 m.p.h. faster than the record established a month ago by Army Colonel Albert Boyd in jet P-80-R.

Caldwell died as he flew first jet plane only two weeks ago.—Associated Press.

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BLAST IN OIL COY'S PLANT ROCKS HAIFA

Jerusalem, Aug. 21.
An explosion rocked Haifa early today near the works of the Socony Vacuum Company. First reports said damage was reported to be slight and without casualties.

There were also unconfirmed reports of another explosion at the East Hotel near the King David Hotel.

The East Hotel houses several Government departments and is 100 yards from the United States Consulate.

Meanwhile, one soldier was seriously injured today when a military truck was blown up by an electrically detonated mine on the outskirts of Nazareth.

The detonating mechanism was found 40 yards off the road hidden behind a brushwood screen.

Refugees

In Jerusalem, Sir Alan Cunningham's (High Commissioner) announcement that the Jewish refugees on the "President Warfield" would be shipped to Hamburg inspired military and police precautions without precedent except when Haganah openly defied the British administration more than a year ago.

The army and police alike obviously expected violent reaction from the Jewish community embracing moderates and extremists.

The Jewish Agency, in

essential services should stick at their posts.

Boiler-makers who walked out at Taikoo, were joined by other workers who are not members of the 13 branches of the Institute.

The total number out was 1,100 out—200 more than the number reported yesterday.

Dairy Farm

Food and perishables in cold storage at the Dairy Farm installation will now not be impeded, the "China Mail" learned from Institute sources last night.

Yesterday the Dairy Farm management sent a further urgent appeal to the Institute to keep their men on.

They said they could not find anyone to take over.

If the installation machinery were left in inexperienced hands it might not only lead to ruining an inestimable amount of food supply for the public, but might endanger the installation itself, they added.

The Institute got the men concerned to a talk and eventually persuaded them to remain at their posts.

A Maximum

When no headway in the discussions seemed apparent, the Institute officials suggested that the employers get together among themselves and work out the maximum increase they could pay the men.

The men would give the matter careful consideration to see how far they could scale down on their original demand, the officials decided.

The Strike Committee meeting again last night at the Institute was in a bad mood when members heard the report that no progress had been made in the negotiations.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman reminded the committee that they were now in the negotiation stage.

Opportunity must be given to both sides to have all aspects of the dispute thrashed out, they said.

They strongly counseled against any precipitate action.

This advice was given after hints were thrown out that more men should be drawn into the strike.

Developments

Latest development in the strike situation itself was the walk-out of some waterworks men from Kowloon.

The men handed over their tools in the morning, despite the advice of Institute officials that men at the waterworks

shouldly the Republic had originally, but his rule spread because Lord Mountbatten, then Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia, was not prepared for the occupation of the Netherlands East Indies when the war ended.

Van Mook said an insufficient

occupation force barely saved

100,000 internees from murder by Japanese-trained Indonesians. He said that when Sultan Sjahri, a non-collaborator, was chosen

prime minister of Indonesia, it became

the "consistent policy" of the Netherlands to support constructive

elements in the Republic in the hope of forming a "sovereign federated united states of Indonesia allied with the Netherlands in a free union."

But, he added, constructive Indonesia failed in their efforts to overcome Japanese influences.

Van Mook defended the Dutch

"police action" with the statement that it was inevitable since

"warlords, gang leaders and profiteers" were growing rich smuggling and selling stocks of raw

materials in Java and Sumatra.

Neutral observers in Batavia

said his remarks possibly pre-

age a drive on Jogjakarta.

Dutch military and civil

officials are reported to have re-

commended such action to the home government in The Hague.

A dispute from the Netherlands capital said the Cabinet

met in another emergency

session to consider the conflict.

Van Mook said the only au-

gment went into full session

and some sort of bitter and

hostile reply is anticipated.

Jewish Agency circles feared

they would be unable to prevent

Haganah from some sort of re-

active action while the Stern

Gang and Irgun also are

expected to go into action soon.

Another dispatch said the

East Hotel explosion occurred

inside an Arab shop within the hotel building.

There was no damage to the

building and no casualties.

New Force

The police identified the per-

petrators as members of a new

Arab movement called "Huri-

"Arab for freedom" which deals exclusively with the Arab boycott of Jew-produced goods.

This was the first time the

anti-terror alert in Jerusalem

considered because of Arab under-

ground action.

The owner of the shop is an

Arab who sold Jew-produced

building materials and paints.

This appeared to be the first

time that Arabs resorted to

internal terrorism since the

1936-38 Arab revolt.—Associated Press.

Informants in the Colonial

and Foreign Ministries said on

Wednesday that former Em-

peror Bao Dai of Annam had

no chance of securing French

support for forming a non-

partisan government in Indo-

China.—Associated Press.

Paris, Aug. 21.

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Infantry.—Reuter.

Half Man And Half Ape Creates Panic Near Shanghai

Shanghai, Aug. 21.

The British-owned North China Daily News today reported that "a fiend," described as half man and half ape, is "striking terror into the hearts of villagers near Pei Len Ching Creek, South Pootung, across the river from Shanghai."

The girl was said to have claw marks on her face and arms.

Another report said that a small

cock went to buy vegetables and

was not returned since.

Pei Len Ching Creek is about

five miles from the Bund.

At the mouth of the creek is

located the American President Lines pier.—United Press.

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Shanghai, Aug. 21.

Government is not considering postponement of China's general election. Election preparations are going ahead full swing, a Government spokesman said today.

At an earlier meeting of National Assembly delegates, it was decided to recommend postponement of the elections and to convene an extraordinary session of the National Assembly to revise the procedure and enforcement of the Constitution which the Assembly adopted last December.

The delegates pointed out that Communist occupation of about 22 Provinces and municipalities in North China and Manchuria made a free, democratic election impossible.—United Press.

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KOWLOON TO APPOINT MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC BOARD

At the regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, it was announced that the Association had been invited to nominate a member of the Traffic Advisory Board, which was at present being reconstituted.

Mr. J. N. Sweeney, the convenor of the Association's Traffic Sub Committee, has been nominated in response to this invitation by the Officer Administering the Government.

Present at the meeting were: Mr. F. C. Glenn (President); Mr. J. Moodie (Vice-President); Mr. F. C. Mow (Hon. Secretary); Mr. T. Cheung (Hon. Treasurer); Messrs. S. E. Faber, C. E. Terry, H. Braga, R. Preston, W. S. Lowry, J. N. Sweeney, G. F. Wood, Yeung Tsum Dart, A. M. Braun and the Rev. Fr. A. Granelli.

Housing

A letter from the Hon. Colonial Secretary was tabled stating that the views and recommendations contained in the Association's letter of the 7th July regarding housing problems were receiving the careful consideration of Government.

The Chairman reported that subsequent to despatch of previous letter, a further survey had been made in Kowloon, and details compiled of houses which, although rehabilitated, remained vacant.

This showed that there were quite a number of such vacant premises, most of which were being offered at exorbitant rentals, and payment of equally exorbitant "repair costs." In some cases the premises were being kept vacant while offered for sale at fabulous prices.

It was hoped that action in regard to such premises would be taken on the lines already recommended by the Association.

Mr. Terry reported on the

World Events Debated

An interesting talk on "The International Situation" was given by Mr. Ip Kai-fong at yesterday's weekly meeting of the Y's Men's Club.

Mr. Ip paid tribute to the present British Government which had the courage to grant independence to India.

Mr. Ip said he was somewhat pessimistic as to the future of UNO.

He expressed the belief that it would be doomed to the same fate as the League of Nations.

He based his view on the fact that America, instead of cooperating with other nations, had seen fit to go behind UNO and to play a lone hand in regard to matters concerning Greece, Turkey and Indonesia.

The speaker also said that the average man did not desire war.

It was only the professional militarist and the manufacturer of munitions who would like to see the world hurled into another titanic struggle.

C.N.A.C. SURVEY FLIGHT TODAY

One of the C.N.A.C.'s Surveyors, piloted by Captain H. T. Chin, will pass Hong Kong this morning on its way to Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, and Batavia on a survey flight which has been in preparation for some time.

The survey group on board is headed by Col. C. Y. Liu, Managing Director of C.N.A.C., who is also representing the Chinese Ministry of Communications on this trip to discuss with the aeronautical authorities on the route regarding reciprocal landing rights.

As the flight is the first ever made to the South Seas countries, a short stay at each place enroute is planned so that the group have sufficient time to study problems relative to the forthcoming regular operation.

Noises

Complaints of nuisances caused in residential areas by hawkers' cries, and various night noises, were discussed.

It was agreed to request the Police Authorities to enforce the regulations prohibiting these nuisances.

A letter from Mr. J. E. Terrel suggesting that the Association should sponsor the transforming of the Mawan Beach Resort and Restaurant into a Club was read.

After discussion, it was agreed that the proposed sponsorship of a club did not fall within the scope of the Association's activities.

If Mr. Terrel desired, the Association would reopen with the authorities the question of transport to and from the resort.

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Concerning An Issue Of Ownership

Sir.—A recent cable from Nanking contained a vivid but presumably fanciful account of elections for the coming Chinese National Assembly by "overseas Chinese." We were told that "the Chinese owner of a Mott Street Chop suey House in Chicago's 22nd St. Chinatown, and the operator of the Oriental Curio shop in San Francisco's Grant Avenue, will all share in Chiu's first national election in October," which will decide the representation of the eight million overseas Chinese in the National Assembly and the Legislative Yuan. Heavyest voting was anticipated in the East Indies, South Sea Regions, and Indo-China.

Another report stated that voters would be registered, and the elections supervised by Chinese official representatives in the areas. In his recent visit to Hong Kong Dr. Sun Fo urged Chinese in the Colony to participate in the coming election, which, it was stated, would decide the four Chinese who are to represent Hong Kong in the National Assembly.

In the Chinese Republic's earliest Constitutions, representation of "overseas Chinese" was provided for, doubtless out of gratitude for the financial support they had rendered to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. As far as is known, however, organised elections of Chinese overseas have never been held in the past. Legislators representing them have either been selected by local Guilds or Chambers of Commerce, or nominated by the dominant Kuomintang clique.

The announced intention of holding formal elections on foreign soil in October next raises the question of compatibility with

the sovereignty of these territories. By no other country in the world are elections to its legislature organised in territories under the sovereignty of another Power. Even the Germans, when they attempted to organise such elections were believed to have taken the so-called electors outside the three-mile limit to cast their ballots!

It is more than doubtful whether the American Government will tolerate organised elections in the China-towns of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other large cities. For most of the Chinese residing in these localities claim American citizenship, and one of the simplest methods of losing that citizenship is "voting in a political election in a foreign State." It is not unreasonable to presume that this would apply equally to voting in such an election whether on foreign or American soil.

Some governments permit representation in their legislatures of their overseas possessions. This is the case with some of the French Colonies. The United States recognises delegates to Congress from Alaska and Hawaii, and a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico who are permitted to speak and submit motions but not to vote.

In the exceptional conditions attending the 1944 elections in the United States and the 1945 election in Great Britain, troops serving overseas were permitted to vote, but this did not imply any derogation from the sovereignty of the overseas territories in which they voted which were either enemy countries, or areas in which their Allies had conceded national jurisdiction over their respective armed forces.

The issue is of sufficient importance to demand immediate consideration—and action. If representation in the local administration is to be conceded to individuals of Chinese descent in British (or French or Dutch) Colonies, or Possessions it should be on the distinct understanding that while residents in these areas their loyalty must be confined to the sovereign Power. The idea that Chinese Consular or other representatives can register voters, and organise an election should be dispelled without delay, or the sovereign Powers will, in effect, be recognising a large degree of Chinese sovereignty within their territories, with results which can easily be foreseen in the not distant future.

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Sleeping beauty

CHINESE MAIDENS TO HONOR THE SEVEN SISTERS TODAY

The Festival of the Seven Sisters, one of the most romantic of Chinese festivals will be observed today—the 7th day of the 7th Moon—by Chinese maidens who have, in accordance with tradition, been living on a vegetarian diet for the past seven days.

The festival centres round the romance of the Weaving Maid and her cow-herd husband from across the western side of the River of Heaven.

According to legend, the Weaving Maid and her husband were forbidden by the Ruler of Heaven to meet more than once a year, because the Weaving Maid was neglecting her loom after marriage.

The day set apart for their meeting each year is the 7th day of the 7th Moon.

The "Romance of the Milky Way" has always had a particular appeal to Chinese womenfolk.

The celebrations today are an outward expression of female sympathy for the two heavenly lovers, who will meet again after a year's separation.

In practically every Chinese home today, on a table set apart for the purpose, fruit, cakes, face powder, face cream, rouge, ribbon and thread will be laid out as offerings to the Seven Sisters.

There will also be the multi-coloured "Seven Sister Tray" without which no festival would be complete.

Inniskillings Piped Ashore

The 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, disbursed from H.M.T. Devonshire, was played ashore today by the Royal Marines Band and their own Pipe Band.

Battalion H.Q. and part of the Battalion is at Murray Barracks, vacated by the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, whilst the remainder of the Battalion is accommodated at Whitfield Barracks.

This will not be the first time the 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, has served in this particular locality of the Far East. From 1934 to 1936 the Battalion was stationed in Shanghai, paying a visit to Hong Kong to play football versus its brother Irish Regiment in 1936. The Battalion then moved to Singapore, remaining there until 1938 when it moved on to India.

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers has, in Military band circles, gained reputation for its pipe-playing and inhabitants of the Colony will no doubt anticipate with pleasure hearing the H.Q. Pipe-Band of the 1st Battalion.

The Battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. J. B. Filmer-Bonnett, MC.

GUNMEN HOLD UP WOMAN

A Chinese woman, Ng Meik, was held up while proceeding up the stairway of No. 310 St. George's Chel Street, at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

She was robbed of a \$50 note and a gold finger ring valued at \$75, by two robbers, one of whom was armed with a revolver.

The robbers, in their get-away, were pursued by a policeman on a bicycle.

The revolver was discarded in Prince Edward Road and recovered by the Police. No arrests were made.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on 20th, August:

Far East Shipping Co., Ltd. \$100. B. T. Bells (60 pax) \$20. Anonymous \$80. \$100. Total \$200.

Hong Kong Government Contribution \$200. Received to 10th August, 1947 \$2,797,688. Grand Total \$2,798,088.

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DROUGHT GRIPS EUROPE

No Sign Of Break In Scorching Sunshine

Forest Fires Cause Heavy Damage

London, Aug. 21. Drought—in some places the worst in 100 years—holds Europe in its grip, causing forest fires, drying up water and milk supplies and bringing threat of hunger and starvation of thousands.

Dr. Heinz Runge, Potsdam weather expert, said the heat wave has destroyed or is in the process of destroying Germany's potato and cabbage crops. He forecast starvation unless rain breaks the drought soon, but said the prospect of rain soon is poor.

Germany's rainfall is about 10 inches under normal.

Fields are wasting away under the heat and German farmers are slaughtering their cattle because they lack fodder. Even if rains came within the next two or three weeks it may be too late to save the crops.

The situation is particularly severe in districts west of the Harz mountains and in the Magdeburg area.

Forest fires have swept along the Dutch-German border since last Friday and exploding mines have prevented effective measures to fight the blazes.

More than 850 acres of woodland have been destroyed and fresh winds have swept the flames towards the Dutch frontier despite the efforts of fire brigades and British troops. Berlin radio said only rain could extinguish the fire.

Drought In Britain The German story is repeated in varying degrees in most parts of Europe.

Britain, in weather bureau terminology, is officially experiencing a drought, having gone 15 days without rain. There is no sign of a break in the heat and farmers, although happy about their harvests, are apprehensive about the lack of pasture, which may cut deeply into milk supplies.

Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire are faced with a milk drought that may last until October.

The Food Ministry last night announced a cut in the milk ration from 2½ to two pints per person, but this was a normal seasonal reduction.

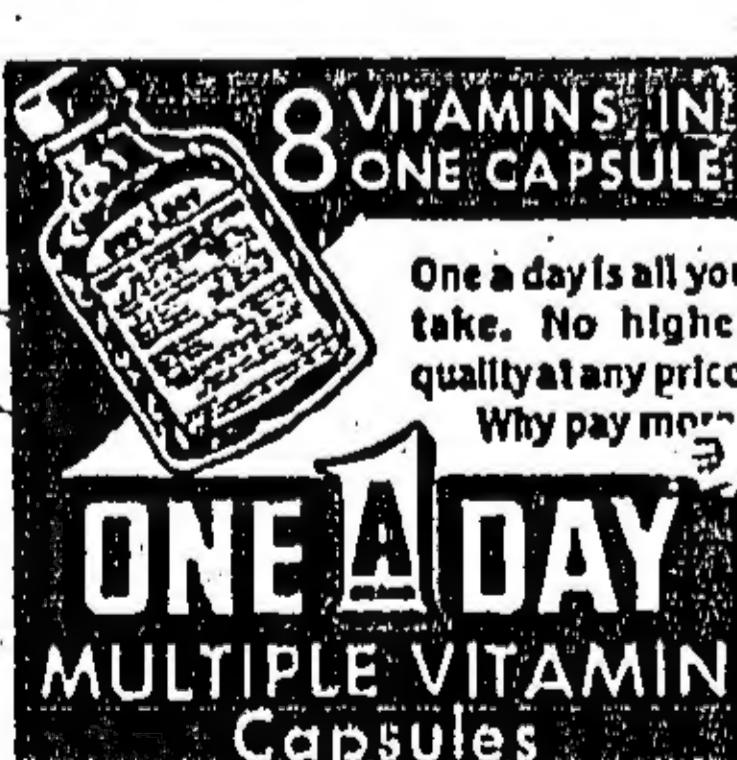
The unrelenting hot sunshine has quickly matured Britain's grain and the harvest is going forward rapidly. Some areas report a "light" wheat harvest but many farms are threshing out 6½ quarters to the acre and the moisture content is reported not more than 14 per cent, compared with the usual 18 per cent for English wheat.

Forest Fires

Britain, too, is plagued by forest fires, the largest of which raged across 12,000 acres in Yorkshire. Another major fire burned out 1,100 acres on the Duke of Bedford's estate in Bedfordshire. Numerous small fires were reported, together with one instance of railway switchpoints fused by the heat.

Holiday resorts were jammed with one of the few alarming indications occurring at Torquay where the authorities warned that cuts in the water supply might have to be made. In London, the Metropolitan Water Board said there was no need to worry about water shortage.

France was experiencing its worst crop weather since recordings began in 1872. Although the normal wheat harvest averaged 8,000,000 tons, France is expected to have only 3,000,000 tons.



SOUTHAMPTON ALARM

Southampton, Aug. 20. All ships in and around Southampton Docks were warned today that a 1,000-lb unexploded bomb was lying within 500 yards of the demolition disposal squads working feverishly to make it harmless.

The bomb was discovered yesterday when a dredger brought it up. The warhead was broken off and the fuse badly damaged. Bomb disposal officers said it was in a "precautionary condition." — United Press.

Dance Hall Controversy

Shanghai, Aug. 21.

The bitter controversy over the prospective closure of Shanghai's dancehalls as part of the government's new austerity programme was stimulated further by Fang Chih, head of the Shanghai Kuomintang, who told reporters that dancing should be banned not only in public places but in private homes.

"While our soldiers are dying on the battlefields, I think no patriotic man or woman here would like to embrace each other under soft lights."

Fang Chih took the view that taxi-dancers who are going to lose their jobs when the ban against dancehalls is implemented, should acquire "useful talents in reconstructing the country and wiping out the bandits"—but did not elaborate upon this remark.—Associated Press.

Link Over The Atlantic

Portland, Maine, Aug. 21.

British ex-servicemen of Portland, Dorsetshire, have proposed in a letter to city manager Lyman S. Moore of Portland, Maine, an exchange of veterans flags between the two cities.

Councillor L. W. Hollen of British Portland said that a flag sent from Maine would be used to complement a plaque dedicated there on August 22, 1945 by the former United States Ambassador John G. Winant, commemorating the fact that the "major part of the American assault forces which landed in France on D-Day June 6, 1944, were launched from Portland Harbour." — Associated Press.

Margaret Rose's Birthday

Balmoral, Aug. 21.

Princess Margaret Rose "comes out" on Thursday on her 17th birthday, but no State Ball or other high society function will mark the occasion.

Instead, the debut of the younger daughter of King George and Queen Elizabeth will take place at a quiet family party in Balmoral Castle, where the Royal family is vacationing.

"Coming out" means, for Princess Margaret, that she will go to more parties and fulfil more public engagements unaccompanied by other members of the Royal family—a state of affairs that she will, reportedly, welcome.—Associated Press.

FRENCH ACTION

Paris, Aug. 20.

The Government decreed last night that French farmers must declare their total harvests or face heavy penalties.

The order requires each farmer to declare the exact size his harvest, how much he intends to deliver to Government-controlled granaries and when he expects the crop to be available.—United Press.

French Bid For Peace In Indo-China

Paris, Aug. 21. A French Cabinet meeting, presided over by the Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, will be held today to consider proposed peace terms to the Vietnamese.

M. Ramadier today conferred with M. Emile Bollaert, French Commissioner in Indo-China.

Report from Saigon state that the Indo-Chinese National Union Front—the party opposed to the present Viet Nam Republic government headed by Ho Chi Minh, today started recruiting public opinion for the return of Bao Dai, the former Emperor of Annam, now living in exile in Hong Kong.

Placards and handbills were distributed in Saigon, while the Provisional Committee of the Front appealed by cable to Bao Dai "to save the present situation and realize the unity and independence of Viet Nam in the French Union."

A Vietnamese radio broadcast quoted Dr. Ho Chi Minh, the Republican Premier, as claiming "Bao Dai was with us always and is our closest friend, and the whole nation of Viet Nam has full confidence in his fidelity."

It is also learned from Saigon that the police combed the city this morning, removing Viet Namese flags pasted on walls and lamp-posts to commemorate the August Revolution of 1945 by Ho Chi Minh."

The Socialist Ministers in the French Cabinet are committed to a more liberal policy in negotiations with the Viet Namese, while moderate and right wing Ministers oppose this, fearing that such a policy will feed the fires of national disension in other French colonies.

Soviet Line

The Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, declared: "The Soviet delegation absolutely cannot agree with the British contention that the question is not within the jurisdiction of the Security Council."

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashy Pasha, was absolutely right when he declared that the presence of foreign troops in Egyptian territory was incompatible with sovereignty.

The Soviet delegation completely supported Egypt's demand for the evacuation of British troops.

Municipal authorities authorized cinemas to double the price of tickets and other increases are in the making.

Hard hit by these increases are persons who received their salaries in United States dollars and converted them at black market rate. Almost overnight they have to pay from 50 per cent to 100 per cent more for many goods and services.

Associated Press.

Widow's Excuse

London, Aug. 20.

Mrs. Eileen Lesley Gleave, a wealthy West End widow, was bound over for 12 months at the West London Court today for harbouring Walter Kirms, an escaped German prisoner in her flat for three months.

"I have no excuse, except that I love this man," she told the Court.

When detectives searched Mrs. Gleave's apartment for Kirms, she denied he was on the premises, but they found him hidden in her bedroom.

Lake Success, Aug. 21.

South Africa's rejection of a United Nations recommendation for correction of the alleged discrimination against nationals of Indian descent will result in another hot fight in the General Assembly next month, India dominion sources indicated Wednesday.

India is expected to take the lead also in an attack on South Africa for rejecting another Assembly resolution recommending United Nations trusteeship for the Southwest African mandate administered by the Union under a League of Nations agreement.

The Indians and their delegation for the assembly was shaping up with the virtual certainty that it again will be headed by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the new Ambassador to Moscow.—Associated Press.

GROMYKO TRIES TO EMBARRASS

Lake Success, Aug. 20. Opening the general debates on the Egyptian case in the United Nations Security Council today, the Brazilian delegate, Senor Carlos Muniz, declared that Brazil considered the situation in Egypt did not present an immediate danger to international peace, and therefore the Council "was not justified in taking action."

Senor Muniz said the Security Council "should let both parties settle their differences in conformity with the principles of justice and international law."

"The Egyptian Government," Senor Muniz declared "did not take upon itself the unilateral decision of not complying with the treaty which, in its opinion, has outlived its purpose. On the contrary, it has sought to settle differences by direct negotiation should continue."

"If the Security Council were to accede to the request of the Egyptian Government, it would not oppose such a procedure, but Egyptian delegation circles definitely do not favour it."

Egyptian delegation circles expressed the opinion that the Brazilian plan "solves nothing." Counteracting the argument that the position of Egypt does not present an immediate danger, Egyptian circles declare it would be better to deal with the problem before the danger becomes acute.—Reuter.

Rule Of Law

"The Egyptian people have shown their capacity for progress and are entitled to the enjoyment of full sovereignty. But peoples seeking liberty and independence must be the first to accept the rule of law, for law is the principle condition for the preservation of freedom."

"Britain has demonstrated its goodwill by agreeing to negotiations for revision before the set by the treaty."

"The Brazilian delegation, without passing upon the merits of the case or upon the duties and obligations of the parties in consequence of the 1936 treaty, is of the opinion that the Security Council is not justified in taking action in the matter."

Members of rival Sudanese political parties, the Umma and Ashlaga, were present in the distinguished visitors' gallery.

MAXINE COMPLEXION SOAP

The Russians themselves have closed Dairen to all non-Russian shipping including the Nationalist Chinese.—Associated Press.

NAZI ESCAPES

Thursao, Aug. 20. Guards fired at two German prisoners—described as "fanatical Nazis"—who escaped from the Watton Camp near here last night.

The men, Hans Verberg (20) and Alfred Nohr (22), visited a cinema with two British girls. As they came out, the guards stopped them but they made a dash for liberty and disappeared in the evening mist as the shots were fired after them.—Reuter.

IT'S SALIGNAC

"Moreover, it only emphasizes more clearly that the situation must be corrected and must be brought into conformity with the main principles of the United Nations."

India Staging New Attack

Lake Success, Aug. 21. South Africa's rejection of a United Nations recommendation for correction of the alleged discrimination against nationals of Indian descent will result in another hot fight in the General Assembly next month, India dominion sources indicated Wednesday.

India is expected to take the lead also in an attack on South Africa for rejecting another Assembly resolution recommending United Nations trusteeship for the Southwest African mandate administered by the Union under a League of Nations agreement.

The Indians and their delegation for the assembly was shaping up with the virtual certainty that it again will be headed by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the new Ambassador to Moscow.—Associated Press.

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**Officer
Charged In
Dope Case**

Jerusalem, Aug. 20.

When the trial of a British officer and a Christian Arab accused of conspiring to smuggle \$180,000 dollars worth of drugs into Egypt, was resumed here today, a driver for the Combined Services Entertainment Unit, "Jukebox," spoke of seeing slabs of "white substance" and some "sticky brown stuff smelling of poppies" scattered over the road when his vehicle overturned.

These substances were morphine and hashish, the prosecution said. The accused were Lieutenant Sevington, member of the Entertainment Unit, and Georges Jarbour, an Arab from Jaffa.

The drugs were alleged to have been concealed among the stage show "props" on an army vehicle, which was involved in an accident near the Palestine-Egypt frontier.

The prosecutor said today that six tin boxes were loaded on the vehicle while the driver was sipping coffee in a roadside tavern.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

**CHARGE OF
HARMING
FELLOW P.O.W.**

San Diego, Aug. 19.

Lieutenant (Jg) Richard F. Gascogne of Oceanside, California, will be tried at a naval court martial here on September 2 on charges of mistreating fellow prisoners of war.

Gascogne was arrested at the Santa Margarita naval station near Oceanside on May 15. He was accused of "favouritism in dividing up food stores and of beating fellow prisoners."

He was captured by the Japanese in April 1942 and became storekeeper at Omura prison camp in Kyushu. He is an 11-year veteran of the Navy.—United Press.


**RETIRED ON THE
MORTGAGE**

Chingford, Aug. 20.

Joseph Tatton, retired two weeks ago and his firm gave him a handsome cheque with which he paid off the mortgage on his house.

On Monday he decided the house needed painting and he started to burn the old paint off the eaves.

The flame set fire to some packing. He lost the roof of his house, most of his furniture, £100 in hidden banknote savings and he's afraid he even lost any claim for insurance through lapsing of the policy when the mortgage was paid off.—Associated Press.

ATTLEE RESIGNATION? Flurry Of Speculation Aroused By Rumours

No Hint From Official Quarters Around The World

August 21.

BERLIN.—The British-licensed newspaper, "Die Welt," said today that it had polled 10,000 Germans and 74 per cent of them said they believed there would be a new war and 78 per cent of those who believed it thought it would be in the near future.

London political circles went into a flurry of speculation today, following a sudden renewal of rumours endemic for months past that Mr. Attlee had decided to resign and nominate as his successor, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Coming at the most delicate stage in Britain's economic crisis when the Labour Government

is rendering to the United States an account of its stewardship of \$1,500,000,000 of borrowed dollars the story of the forthcoming Cabinet reshuffle may accelerate the tendencies already in motion within the Labour Party.

New Air Speed Record

Washington, Aug. 20.

The Navy announced tonight that its new jet-propelled D.558 experimental plane "Skystreak" had broken across a measured course on the California Mojave desert this morning at an average speed of 630.7 miles an hour—a new world's record.

The Skystreak—dubbed "flying milk bottle" by Navy pilots—roared across a three kilometer course at Muroc Field, California, four times. Its fastest speed for any one run was 633.5 miles per hour.

The previous record—623.8 miles per hour—was set over the same course on June 19 by the Army Air Force pilot, Colonel Albert Boyd of Asheville, North Carolina, in a P-80 "Shooting Star."—United Press.

HARBORD PASSES

Rye, N.Y., Aug. 20.

The death of Lt. Gen. James G. Harbord, 81, who rose from a private to Chief of Staff in World War I and then retired to become an industrial tycoon, occurred today.

Harbord was the honorary chairman of the Board of the Pan American Corporation of America

and a leading figure in the development of radio industry. He served as President of the RCA from 1923 to 1930.—United Press.

The Choice

The choice open to the Party if

Mr. Attlee decides to go makes

the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, an easy favourite. His rigorous

handling of the nation's most unpopular job as Director of Manpower during the war has scarcely dimmed his personal popularity. When the Cabinet held its emergency meeting on Sunday, it was Mr. Bevin who received by far the biggest volume of cheering from the crowd in Downing Street.

To those who assert Mr. Bevin's alleged unacceptability to the Left-Wing of the Labour Party,

the reply is that he has always triumphed over his critics in open and secret debate.

Other possible candidates are

the President of the Board of

Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, the

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr.

Hugh Dalton, and the Minister

of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, a

remote possibility because of

his supposed leadership of the radical

faction in the Party, who would

only become a serious prospect if

the balance shifted strongly to

the Left.—Reuter.

Unemployment was at its low

est in peacetime since reliable

statistics began, employment was

at its highest and the building of

British coal stocks was several

weeks ahead of the target.

Under British chairmanship,

the Paris conference had reached

a substantial agreement on joint

proposals for European revival

going further than anything

achieved in the 20 inter-war

years.

"We are doing plenty and we

are going to do plenty more," Mr.

Bevin declared.

Coal production in the Ruhr

under British management had

reached its highest level since

the war—nearly 240,000 tons

daily.

He gave these provisional

figures for British trade and in-

dustry: July exports, £110,370,000

as compared with £93,100,000 for

June. July imports were £178,200,-

000 as against £168,300,000 for

June.

The total employed in industry

was 18,300,000 in June as com-

pared with 17,820,000 for

July.

Major General T. W. Rees, commanding the joint

military border force, said on Wednesday that

he believed underground leaders are waging a

systematic programme of extermination in

riot-torn Punjab.

Fighting has stopped in

Lahore, and in neighbouring

Amritsar, across the border of

the divided province.

But in Lahore the Moslems

have slain or driven away the

main majority of the Hindu and

Sikh population which once re-

presented about half the population

of this city of 500,000.

And in Amritsar, the Sikhs

and Hindus have killed or driven

out practically the entire 250,000

Mohammedan population of that

Punjab city, the ninth largest in

all India.

Heavy concentrations of joint

India-Pakistan military border

forces are in Amritsar, which looks as though war had been

waged through its streets.—

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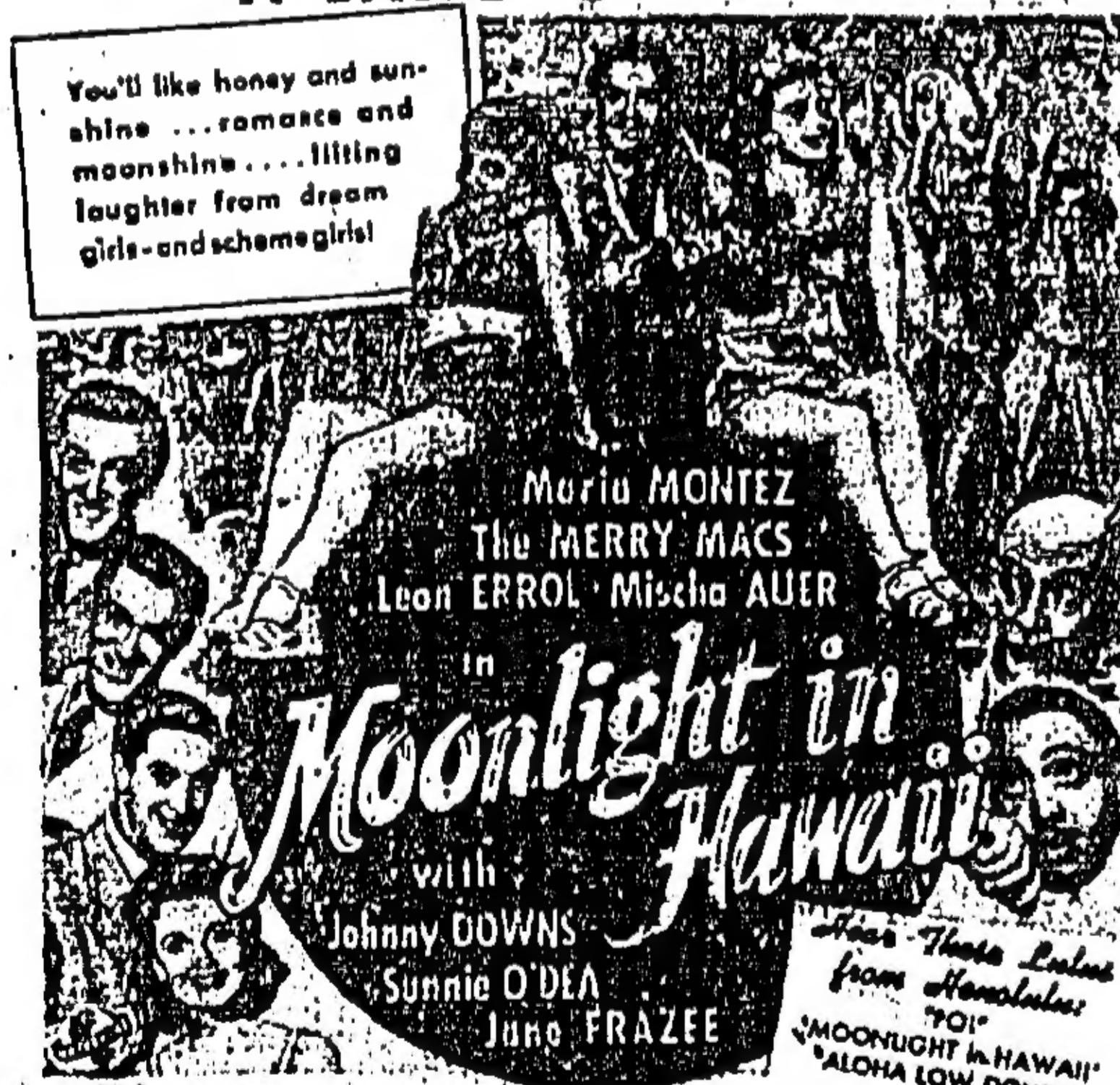
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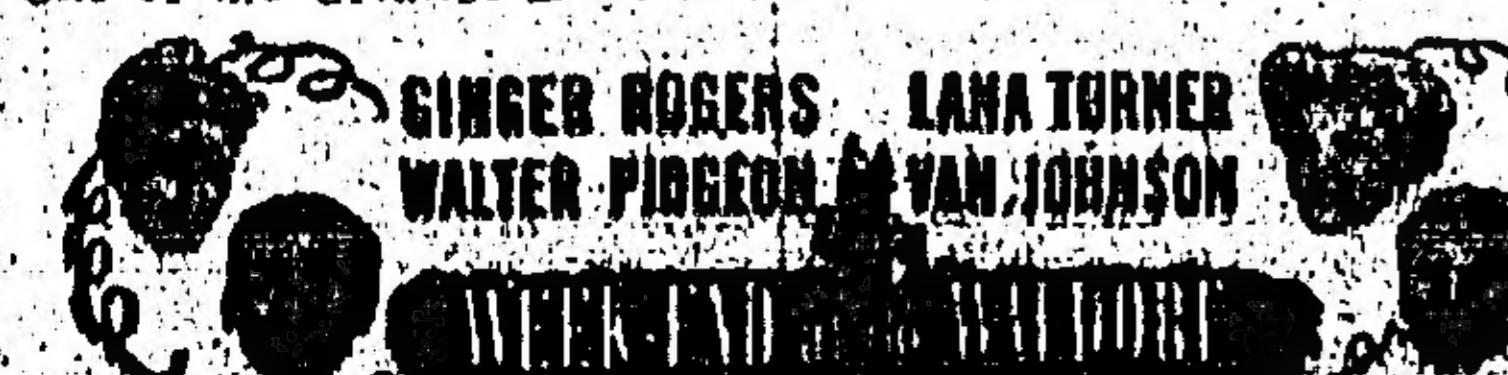
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WEEKEND

Counsel Makes Strong Protest In "Menace" Case

"I do not think it fair to amend the charge at this stage when the prosecution has already closed its case. How could it be fair to the defendant if the charge is so amended as to make it the very opposite of the original charge?"

This protest was made by Mr. P. L. Lam after Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr had declared that the charge of demanding \$120 with menaces from Wong Mel-ki brought against Police Constable Chen Kong had failed, but that he intended to amend the charge to one of obtaining money by false pretences.

At the close of the case for the prosecution yesterday, Mr. Lam submitted that he had no case to answer as the prosecution had entirely failed to prove menaces.

His Worship: "Yes, Mr. Lam, but what about false pretences?"

Mr. Lam: "But he is not charged with that offence."

His Worship: "Yes, but I am going to charge him with false pretences right now. There is definite evidence of false pretences. Under the Magistrates' Ordinance (section 21 of 41 of 1932) I am empowered to do so."

Protest

After protesting against the unfairness of the step, Mr. Lam stated that if he had known that that action would be taken he would have cross-examined the witnesses.

When His Worship decided that the charge of false pretences would be preferred against accused, Mr. Lam applied for an adjournment to consult Counsel on whether the Magistrate should exercise his power at that very late stage of the proceedings.

Defence counsel also applied for bail, in a very nominal sum, for his client who, he pointed out, had been in gaol custody for over a month.

Declaring that the menaces charge had completely failed but that a prima facie case of false pretences had been made out, His Worship proceeded to

Money Market

Less credence was given yesterday to the rumour that Government would ban dealings in gold on the Exchange.

The market opened at \$357 a tael and for a time fluctuation was very violent, ranging from \$360.50 and \$350.

In the afternoon the opening rate was \$360 and the market was steady, closing at \$355.

Prices also fluctuated heavily, opening at \$14.80 a 100, rising to \$14.95 and suddenly dropping to \$14.22. At the close it was \$14.50.

Dwellings in Chinese National Currency were steady and rates were maintained. Opening at 13.7 cents for future, and 14.35 cents for spot (for CNS1,000), it closed at 13.675 cents and 14.55 cents respectively.

There was a sharp drop in U.S. dollars which fell to \$5.02 (as against \$5.12 the previous day); and there was a corresponding sharp rise in Sterling which was quoted at \$13.40 (as against \$13.17 the previous day). Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.53.

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Smart work on the part of the police resulted in the recovery of various aircraft equipment, including a wireless transmitting set and three receiving sets, within 48 hours of their reported loss from various airplanes at Kai Tak Airfield.

As the result of a surprise raid at the Tai Chung Radio Shop, 569 Nathan Road, at 9.30 a.m. on Aug. 19, Detective Sub-Inspector J. M. Forrest and Detectives Yau Kau and Yu Hon-ling took into custody Li Hung-kwan, radio mechanic, Kwong Pui and Ting Kit, travelling traders, and a 30-year-old unemployed Li Tim, of 2 Lion Rock Road, second floor.

A 17-year-old youth, Li Wing, was arrested at 5.30 a.m. the following day at 2 Lion Rock Road, by the same party.

Appearing before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday, four were charged with the larceny of transmitting and receiving sets, while Li Hung-kwan represented by Mr. A. S. Comber, was charged with receiving stolen property.

Mr. Forrest's application for a remand of 48 hours "for further inquiries and further charges" was granted.

What Happened In The Courts

Solicited Passengers

NAAFI Watchman On Fraud Charge

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday fixed 2.30 p.m. on Aug. 28 for hearing of four charges of obtaining money by false pretences and one of conspiracy preferred against Yu For, NAAFI watchman, by Detective Sub-Inspector MacDonald.

Yu, who will be defended by Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth when he prosecutes Ng Sung, 18, lorry-folk, and Lau Wan, 24, with soliciting for passengers. The driver, Lau Yuk-tong, 25, was charged with aiding and abetting.

Mr. J. Scrim of the Kowloon Traffic Office, said S/I Howarth, was walking along Nathan Road, near Fife Street, at 3.55 p.m. on

Wednesday when he heard the first two accused shouting "Tal Po" from the rear of lorry 6123.

In asking for a serious view to be taken, S/I Howarth pointed out that the vehicle was moving very slowly during the whole time and might have caused an accident.

Defendants were fined \$20.

CARNAL KNOWLEDGE

SENTENCE DEFERRED

EXTRADITION

Charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday were Yu Po, 42, for jockey, and Pang Kau and Leung Kau, both for receiving. Sentence was deferred.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by D.J. Fong Fu Cheong, that first defendant stole a number of motor car lamp shades and hub caps.

Second and third defendants were alleged to have bought them knowing same to have been unlawfully obtained.

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ILKET—Daily Programme Summary; 12.32 p.m.—B.D.C. Transcription Service; 1.00 p.m.—News; Weather Report and Announcements.

1.15 p.m.—Orchestra Interludes.

1.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Music and His Orchestra.

6.30 p.m.—Studio "Tew" on Board.

7.00 p.m.—Studio "You Asked for It"; Varieties; Requests; Presented by Monica Jacks.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay News; from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—Studio "Music Hall".

8.45 p.m.—Orchestra Concert in A Minor, Op. 11; William Jackham and the New Symphony Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

9.45 p.m.—B.D.C. Transcription Service: "Fellowship of the Free"; Episode 6— "The Free Gets Busy"—by Edgar Wallace.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay News.

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.45 p.m.—Extracts from "Die Walkur" (Warner).

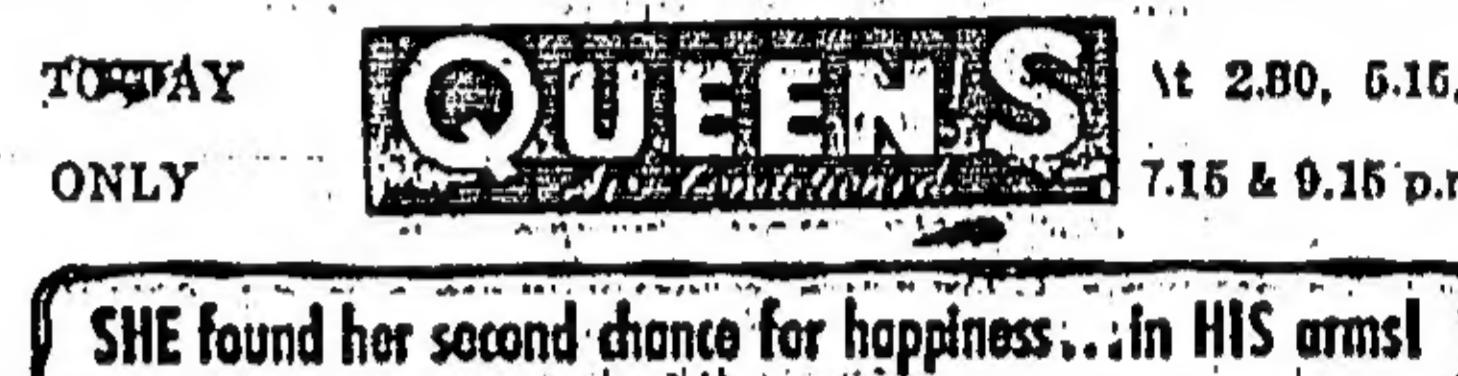
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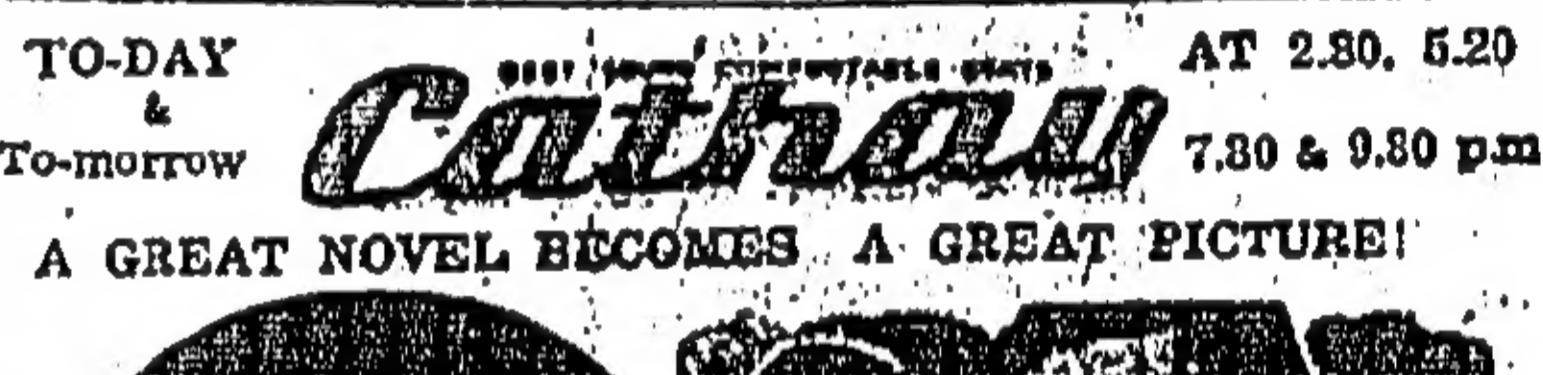
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DEATH

MARSHALL—on 21st August, peacefully after lengthy illness, at St. Theresa Hospital, Hong Kong, G. V. Tarik, aged 73. Beloved husband of Ida and father of Blanche Gordon and Francis. Funeral cortège will pass the Monument today at 5.30 p.m.

NEW HOUSING OFFER

Government's invitation to private enterprise to embark upon building schemes contributing to a solution of the housing problem is also somewhat in the nature of a challenge. To find fault with the nature of the offer made in the statement laid yesterday on the table in Legislative Council, is not easy, except that six weeks gives little time to sponsors of building projects to draw up complete technical and financial plan. The demand for haste is not, however, in itself a matter for criticism. After all, the whole weight of the attack on Government for its failure to realise any substantial housing progress has rested on what has appeared to be, its willingness to leave time to provide a solution. Moreover, merit must be seen in proposals which offer an advantage of bona-fide housing planners, who have already spent time and energy of preparing large-scale schemes, and are already ready to submit them, and are not tempted to enter the field at this stage merely because of the generosity of the Government offer. That it is a highly favourable offer will be readily accepted. In essence, it involves the alienation of two of the largest easily-developable building sites remaining within easy distance of the urban area on terms depriving Government of the exceptionally high premiums readily obtainable at public auction. In the interests of non-profitmaking associations, Government is prepared to sacrifice an even greater proportion of what would be normally regarded as a reasonable premium. The one condition attached to this lamentable state of affairs—first, the curtailment of exports through the fuel crisis, and, second, the depreciation in the value of the credits due to the rise in world prices. Sir Stafford Cripps has just hinted at a third—an unexpected strain on sterling as a result of convertibility, which began on July 16.

The question naturally suggests itself why, with little more than half the year gone, we are already in dire straits. Up to the end of July, £286,000 has already been drawn—£236,000 more than was intended for the whole year. Thus, with five months of 1947 still to come, we have exceeded—including last year's drawings—a total of £486,000,000, and have only £334,000,000 outstanding. At the recent rate of expenditure this would only suffice till about November. Two reasons are adduced for this lamentable state of affairs—first, the curtailment of exports through the fuel crisis, and, second, the depreciation in the value of the credits due to the rise in world prices. Sir Stafford Cripps has just hinted at a third—an unexpected strain on sterling as a result of convertibility, which began on July 16.

Between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, a burglary was committed in Gough Street, A. Bungalow, was entered and some trunks of clothing carried out in the verandah and ran across the watchman on the beat must have slept very soundly not to have been disturbed.

This is the season for robberies and it is particularly desirable that Government assumes the role of property owner on a very large scale, and embarking in construction of residential accommodation of all kinds, no more effective way of stimulating building operations in the immediate future can be imagined. At last we have a very definite contribution to a solution of the problem and one that loses nothing in that the offer comes spontaneously from Government and not as the outcome of behind-the-scenes haggling. If little has been seen in this special connection, housing much has been heard of the capacity of private enterprise to get things done under conditions offering the necessary incentive. Here, it would seem on the face of it, are such conditions. Certainly, it is most unlikely that a more favourable opportunity will present itself, especially for those wanting to build their own homes, or sub-lease to them through a building association. The sharp debate in Council a few weeks ago was no doubt influential in producing the scheme at this stage. As far as that is true, Government is now throwing back the bonus of achieving results. The economic will be watched with keen interest, and, it is to be hoped, with satisfaction.

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What Has Happened To The Loan Dollars?

By J.C. Johnstone

Let us try to estimate the effects of the fuel shortage and of the rise in prices on our trade deficit.

Export Hopes

Laying their original plans for 1947 immediately before the fuel crisis, the Government felt entitled to assume that exports would continue at the same rate of expansion as in the latter part of 1946.

In the last quarter of 1946 the monthly average of exports was £18,500,000, and this represented a volume of 111 per cent. of pre-war. The rate of expansion was such as to indicate a volume of 118 per cent. in the first quarter of 1947 and of 125 per cent. in the second quarter.

If exports had, in fact, expanded at this rate, and if the price level had remained stable where it was at the end of 1946, it may be calculated that the value of exports in the first half of this year would have been about £682,000,000, as against the actual value of £561,000,000. Similarly, if import prices had not increased, the value of what we actually imported in the same period would probably have been about £703,000,000—£83,000,000 less than they in fact cost us.

Thus the visible deficit on the first half year's trading account would have been about £120,000,000. In the second half of the year, assuming as before the same rate of expansion and the same price level as in the last quarter of 1946, exports should have reached about £650,000,000. Imports at the June volume, but at the price level of the last quarter of 1946, would be about £700,000,000, making a deficit of £120,000,000.

The Widened Gap

Thus, the aggregate deficit on the year would have been about £240,000,000. This agrees approximately with the estimates in the Economic Survey for 1947.

The actual situation is that in the first half-year the visible deficit was £233,000,000, reflecting the effects both of the fuel crisis and of the rise in prices.

In June exports showed a marked recovery to 106 per cent. of their pre-war figure, as compared with 97 per cent. in April. If they were to resume expansion at the rate of the last quarter of 1946 and the price level were to remain where it is, they should average in the remaining months of the year about £102,000,000, as against £93,000,000 in June. This would give a total of about £616,000,000 for the half year.

Imports at the June volume and value would total £900,000,000 in the second half-year, leaving a deficit of £286,000,000.

The total gap on visible trading account would thus be about £520,000,000, or about £280,000,000 more than it seems reasonable to be expected at the outset of the year.

These calculations are necessarily hypothetical, but if they are anywhere near correct, they would go some way towards explaining how the present position has arisen.

Convertibility

They would mean that drawings on the dollar credits during the year would be roughly £20,000,000, as against the £360,000,000 on which the Government had reckoned.

At the end of the year £900,000,000 (including the £280,000,000 drawn in 1946) would have been used, and only £360,000,000 would remain available for the future, as compared with the £620,000,000 originally anticipated.

This, however, though bad enough, cannot be the whole story. It does not explain why, if drawings of £20,000,000 are the estimated requirement for the whole year, £688,000,000 has already been expended during the first seven months. This is about £230,000,000 more than would be expected on the basis of the actual trade deficit to date.

Where has all this money gone? An important source of the drain is almost certainly the obligation of convertibility assumed on July 16 in accordance with the Washington Agreement.

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In an interview with Central

News, Lee Kong-chien, Presi-

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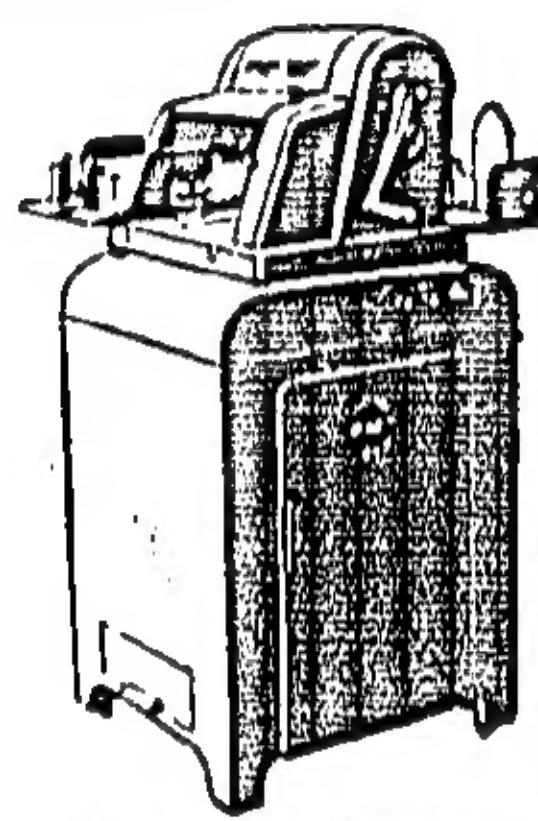
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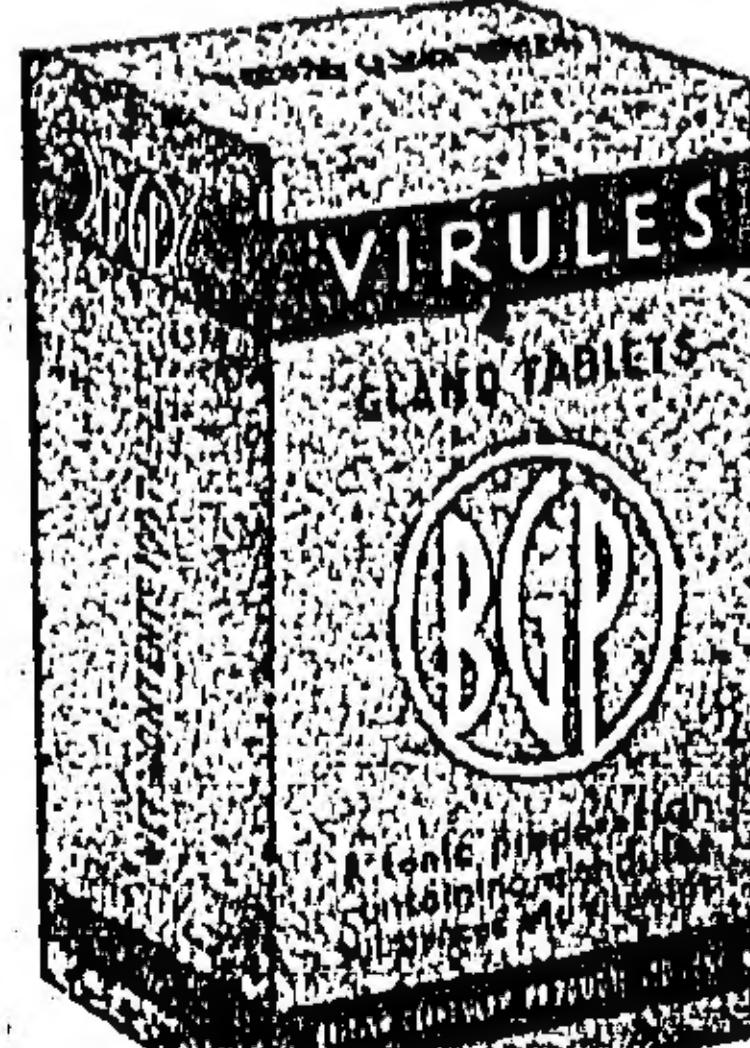
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Sterling Convertibility
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The Treasury has announced the temporary suspension of many of the present arrangements for the convertibility of sterling to dollars. Sterling on Canada account may only be used in Canada or the sterling area.

The Treasury order has been issued, with effect from August 21, 1947. The order repeats the substance of the existing payments orders with the following amendments:

"Sterling can no longer be freely transferred from transferable accounts (of non-residents of sterling area) to American accounts or Canadian accounts; but remains otherwise transferable as hitherto.

"Sterling on Canadian account may only be used in Canada or the sterling area. Canadian transferable accounts disappear.

Announcing the decisions in a broadcast tonight, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, said: "We have decided, with deep regret, that it is no longer possible to continue the arrangements under which the heavy burden of the desperate dollar shortage of so many other countries is simply shifted on to our shoulders.

"Sterling will still be able to be exchanged freely into any other currencies, and, indeed, our new arrangements will provide for a much wider use of sterling in international exchange than was the case a few months ago.

American Agreement
"This decision has been taken following talks in Washington with the American Government, an exchange of letters between ourselves and our American friends will be published tomorrow, and I should like to say at once how much we all appreciate their cooperation and understanding in this matter.

"In the same spirit, and with a consciousness of that sense of comradeship which has never failed us, we are also in close consultation with the Canadian Government."

Disclosing that Britain was losing dollars at the rate of over \$30,000,000 daily, Mr. Dalton recalled his Commons statement of the heavy drawings on the American loan in July.

"I had hoped that the drawing in August would be a good deal less than this," he said.

Heavy Drain
"But since the in both Houses of Parliament, on August 6 and August 7, and the press comments which followed these debates, there has been a further sharp increase in the drain on our dollars.

"In the five working days ending August 16, we had to pay out no less than £44,000,000. On Monday and Tuesday of this week, we had to pay out a further £16,500,000. Clearly this cannot go on.

"It is a grievous disappointment to us as it must be to our friends in the United States and Canada, that great effort at postwar financial reconstruction, which we have made together, has resulted in this setback.

"But we must keep sterling a strong currency; not a currency that every holder hurries to turn into dollars overnight. The strength of sterling is an asset not only to us and to our friends in the sterling area, but to all the world.

"We have done everything in our power to develop multilateral trade, but, if the present strain on sterling continued unchecked, it would be goodbye to all hopes of fully multilateral trade for many years to come.

Unavoidable
"Our decision will inevitably cause disturbance of trade over a wide area, and may lead to some interruption of supplies. We regret this, but it is unavoidable. If we had waited instead of acting now, this disturbance and interruption would only have been worse. We hope that it will be understood everywhere in Britain, this decision is only the taking of wise precautions to maintain a firm foundation for sterling as an international currency.

"We shall now have to make new arrangements with other countries to help us a' to deal with this new situation."

Telling the British public that they must face some further shortages of overseas supplies, Mr. Dalton said: "As you have already been warned, there will probably have to be

No Further Withdrawal

Dollar Change
Results

New York, Aug. 21.

Observers in crude drug oil industries believe the revaluation of the Chinese dollar exchange rate foretells greater supplies of tung oil, camphor, menthol, cassia, rhubarb, the "Journal of Commerce" said.

The opening of Shanghai should result in greater supplies particularly of tung oil.

Under normal circumstances, a sharp price break might be expected, but both importers and consumers are looking for the stabilization of the price structure at or near the present levels.

The first offerings of menthol in six weeks were made here on Tuesday at a similar level as earlier quotations, \$640 to \$740 and Rhubarb, camphor, cassia and tung oil remained firm.—Associated Press.

selves in the days of peace?"—Reuter.

More Austerity

Simultaneously, Sir Wilfred Eady, chief of the British Financial Mission here, disclosed that Britain:

May have to cut imports even beyond the drastic restrictions already announced.

Will have to rewrite 25 to 30 trade agreements with other countries containing clauses for the exchange of pounds into dollars.

London dispatches quoted Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton as figuring the loan balance at \$750,000,000.

A Treasury official said American account countries exempted from the effects of the action include the Philippines. But the Chinese status, along with that of 12 other so-called American account countries, was considered doubtful.

Among the countries which probably will be affected is the Netherlands and the Dutch monetary area.—Associated Press.

MONTY DECORATES
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London, Aug. 21.

Robert Lequeux, 21-year-old pupil corporal cadet from Paris, was received by Field Marshal Lord Montgomery on Wednesday and given an English cadet badge.

The young Frenchman, whose father fought with the resistance during the war, is one of a party of 10 French cadets visiting England as guests of a Harrow cadet battalion.—Associated Press.

PETKOV TRIAL

Sofia, Aug. 20.

The four co-defendants in the trial of Nicola Petkov, who were sentenced to five to 15 years imprisonment, have announced that they will not appeal against their sentences.

Petkov, who was sentenced to death, has not yet appealed. He has the right to do so up to August 30.—United Press.

MAIL SUSPENDED

London, Aug. 20.

The Postmaster General announced tonight that the postal service from Britain to many places in Shantung (China), including Harbin, the chief city of Manchuria, has been temporarily suspended.—Reuter.

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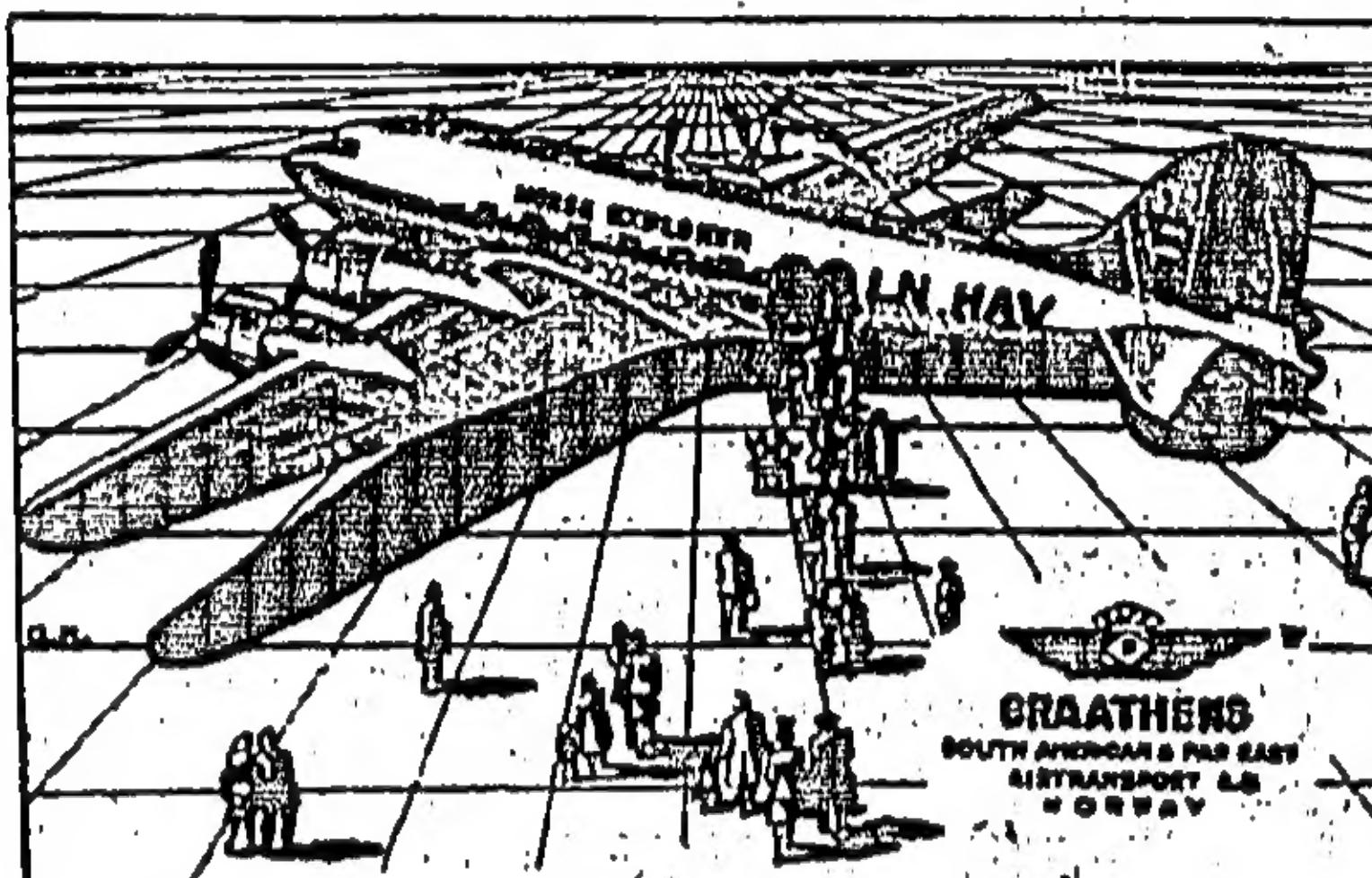
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On Clay
Deposits

The Government's position with regard to clay deposits was stated in Legislative Council yesterday when the Hon. Colonial Secretary, replying to a question by the Hon. Mr. R. D. Gillespie, said:

The position is that the Hong Kong Clay and Kaolin Company is a private concern and Government sees no reason to direct the sale of its products, which is, of course, a matter for private negotiation. It is understood that this Company and the Hsing Hwa Ceramic Company referred to in the recent correspondence in the Press have so far failed to come to an agreement regarding the purchase of kaolin.

The Hsing Hwa Company applied to Government on the 22nd of last month for permission to obtain samples of clay from another source with a view to securing a lease of the new area if the samples proved satisfactory.

Although there are certain difficulties in regard to the issue of long-term mining leases it will probably be possible to offer a short-term lease of the men in question by public tender in the near future.

I would like to make it clear in regard to the correspondence in the Press to which the Honourable Member has referred that the shipment of kaolin from Hong Kong to Japan does not affect the matter in any way since the quantity contracted for in this respect is well below the potential production of the Hong Kong Clay and Kaolin Company's mine.

Stock market leaders generally continued to retreat for the third consecutive session.

Transfers totalled 600,000 shares. Gainers included Coca, United Fruit, Western Union, American Laggards were Great Northern Railway, Loews, 20th Century Fox.

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Jap Ship Bombing "Accident"

Tokyo, Aug. 21. A Far Eastern Air Forces spokesman today described as "purely accidental" the dropping of a practice bomb by a P-51 aircraft near an 870-ton Japanese ship off Hakata, Kyushu, on August 12.

Japanese reports yesterday said the ship was bombed by a squadron of three unidentified planes, which dropped 10 to 15 bombs on the No. 3 Kamogawa Maru, belonging to the Kiyuwa Kai Steamship Company. The reports added that one bomb fell about 100 metres from the stern but no damage was caused.

The planes were a group of P-51s on a routine practice run on a target, but because of overcast weather the planes could not locate the target. Before returning, the planes, following usual procedure, jettisoned bombs, but one stuck in the bomb rack. The bomb finally loosened and must have dropped near the Japanese vessel.

The pilots reported the incident to Headquarters, but the matter had not been considered important enough to deserve a special announcement.—United Press.

STOCK MARKET

London, Aug. 20. Once again little transpired in the stock markets today outside that of the Kaffir section where the best prices were not fully maintained, owing to considerable price-taking, but a harder tendency was noticeable at the close.

Domestic issues spent a quiet day with fresh uncertainty being caused by reports of likely changes in the British Cabinet.

Industrials showed small losses but the gilt-edged section was without alteration. In the oil market, movements were narrow and with slight bias towards the lower levels. Foreign bonds developed little movement but foreign rails, particularly Argentine, turned easier in the later stages.—Reuters.

ST. STEPHEN LANE TRANSFER SET ASIDE

An appeal, arising out of a judgment delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, on May 8, whereby a document purporting to be an instrument of transfer in respect of St. Stephen Lane was set aside and declared null and void, was heard before the Full Court, comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Additional Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The appeal was against so much of the judgment as ordered the plaintiff to notify the defendant of a forgery of his signature on an assignment dated Feb. 19, 1946, until Apr. 26, 1946, although with knowledge of the said forgery since, approximately, December 1945, did not estop him from denying the said assignment.

Appellant, Tang Chik-kin, was represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. D. I. Strellet, of Messrs. Geo. K. Hall Bruton & Company. Mr. Edmon Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Amadis de Castro, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwok of Messrs. C. Y. Kwok & Co., appeared for the respondent, Tang Fong-chuen a general in the Chinese Army.

JUDGMENT

The judgment of Sir Henry Blackall read in part:

"This case has been confined to a narrow compass in the end. The only point for decision is whether the plaintiff stood by

that is to say, had knowledge that the defendant was spending money on his property and took no steps to explain the position to him and had not stopped the defendant from wasting his money.

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BANK DIVIDEND

The Mercantile Bank of India, has been advised telegraphically by the London Office, that an interim dividend of 5% less tax has been declared for the year 1947.

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Students Face Murder Charge

Canton, Aug. 20.

The trial of three Lingnan students for having allegedly kicked to death their teacher, Mr. Tsai Hui-pu, took place at the Canton High Court this morning.

The three students were charged by the Public Prosecutor's Office with kicking to death Mr. Tsai, of the Lingnan Middle School. They refused to accept in their defense that they knew nothing about the examination question set for the following day, when the students were supposed to sit for their graduation examinations.

Mrs. Tsai, wife of the deceased, was present at the trial, demanding compensation of CN\$78,000.

Reversal

One of the accused students then reversed a statement he made at a previous questioning, by denying he kicked Tsai on the night of the incident. His lawyer explained his denial by saying that the student was not by a sense of gallantry and was trying to shoulder the blame himself at that time. He was not in a normal state of mind when he made the statement.

The other two testified that they switched off the lights to frighten Mr. Tsai with ghost cries. Their action was not premeditated, they asserted.

The Court's verdict will be announced on August 26.—Canton News.

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If mail "Post" before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel will close at 8 p.m. on previous day.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

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SOUTH AFRICA FAILS BY 28 RUNS IN DRAMATIC TEST

London, Aug. 20. South Africa failed by 28 runs, with three wickets intact, to force a dramatic victory over England in the fifth and final Test match, which ended today in a draw.

Facing what appeared to be a hopeless task of getting 451 to win on a wicket showing signs of wear, South Africa scored 423 for seven.

Bruce Mitchell, who carried his score to 189 not out, his highest score in Test cricket, was helped in another big partnership by Tuckett and 109 were added in 90 minutes for the eighth wicket.

Mitchell, who batted admirably for seven hours, collected another record which he had scored 130, his aggregate then beating F. Taylor's record of 2,936 for South Africa in Tests. Mitchell's previous highest individual Test score was 164 not out against England at Lord's in 1935.

South Africa lost two quick wickets when Alan Melville was caught at the wicket at 247 and two runs later Dawson fell to a brilliant catch by Howorth in the gully.

A brilliant innings of 97 by Dudley Nourse first gave South Africa the chance of turning the tables on England. At one period, South Africa, after appearing to be in a hopeless position, needed only 202 in three hours, with seven wickets standing, but the spell of two wickets in four balls for one run by Cranston caused another fluctuation of fortunes.

At the tea interval, South Africa were 291 for six when 157 runs were needed in 105 minutes.

Mitchell Lashes Out

Nourse, bating with vigour and skill, scored 97, including 12 fours in two hours 25 minutes. Mitchell, as if suddenly realising a chance of victory, released a series of superlative cover drives, which left the fieldsmen standing and runs came quickly. He reached his century in four hours 50 minutes and became the second South African to score a hundred in each innings of a Test. Alan Melville having done so in the first Test at Not-

	Scoreboard		
Rebound at the end of the final Test read:	England: 427 and 325 for six declared. South Africa: 302 and 423 for seven.		
South Africa's second innings:	Over, Bow, b Wrigg..... 189 Mitchell, not out..... 189 Wrigg, stumped Evans, b Howorth..... 33 Howorth, b Howorth..... 97 Evans, c Evans, b Cranston..... 0 Dawson, c Howorth, b Cranston..... 0 Fullerton, c Evans, b Howorth..... 14 Mama, c Hutton, b Wright..... 10 Tuckett, not out..... 49 Extras..... 39 Total for seven..... 423		
BOWLING	O. M. R. W.		
Cranston..... 30 11 66 0			
Gladwin..... 16 5 33 0			
Wright..... 20 8 103 2			
Evans..... 37 8 85 3			
Cranston..... 21 3 61 2			
Compton..... 4 0 39 0			
Fullerton..... 2 0 14 0			
Yardley..... 1 0 1 0			

Legislative Council Proceedings

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"The problem arising from such a situation were considered by a Committee composed of persons versed in company business and company law, and it is upon the foundation of such Committee's deliberations and recommendations that this Bill has been drawn up.

"Accompanying the Bill as presented to Council there are objects and reasons of a very comprehensive character.

"In view of that fact it appears unnecessary that I should detain Council by prolonged discussion of the various provisions of the Bill.

"It perhaps would suffice if I were to invite special attention to clause 14 of the Bill which deals with the difficult question of the issue of new share certificates where original share certificates are lost."

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and carried.

Income Tax

The Attorney General also moved the adoption of the Rules made by the Board of Inland Revenue on June 24, 1947, under section 86 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance No. 20 of 1947.

He said: "Section 86 empowers the Board of Inland Revenue to make rules generally for carrying out provisions of the Ordinance and for the ascertainment and determination of any class of income.

"It provides, however, that such rules having been made by the Board shall be referred to the Governor, and shall be subject to the approval of the Governor.

"It is for that reason that I move that the rules be approved now."

Approval was given by Council.

The Hon. Mr. B.C.K. Hawkins, Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was sworn in yesterday as a member of the Legislative Council.

Council was adjourned for a fortnight.

Playing their first game in Bangkok on Tuesday, South China football team beat the Combined Universities by six goals to two.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 454 (Tomkin 122, Lester 106, Fagg 69, Jackson 51, Todd 66, Worcester 189 for 83).

At Derby: Middlesex 253 (Brown 95). Derbyshire 88 for 49.

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 172 (Wilson 56, Matthews four for 41) and 18 for no wickets. Glamorgan 156 (Watkins 55, Cook six for 50).

At Manchester: Lancashire 329 (Ikin 82, G. A. Edrich 93).

Hampshire 48 for three.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 454 (Tomkin 122, Lester 106 not out, Fisker 57). Somerset 11 for one.

All three leave up to 7 a.m. on the 19th, had been cancelled.

Billy Harris and Phillips plead.

They did not know the time of sailing.

Harris said he was in Hong Kong on the night of the 18th and got drunk.

Reuter.

London, Aug. 20.

In the first round of the Glashow Football Cup, Rangers defeated Partick Thistle by the only goal scored in the match.

—Reuter.

All Cadiz Mourns CITY'S TOLL OF DEAD MAY RISE UP ABOVE THE THOUSAND MARK

The entire population of this shattered city was in mourning today as the toll of known dead in Monday night's devastating explosion reportedly reached 400.

The national news agency, Cifra, quoting authoritative sources, reported that over 400 bodies had already been recovered and estimated that the final toll might be over 1,000.

The news agency, Menche, quoting the same source, reported that 6,000 to 8,000 were injured.

News agency figures distributed to the Spanish press could not be immediately verified.

A requiem mass for 113 dead was celebrated in the cemetery chapel yesterday.—United Press.

(For Eyewitness Account—See Mr. Pearson Please, Page 4).

NEW BRITISH SCHEME TO INCREASE FOOD STOCKS

Cadiz, Aug. 21.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Tom Williams) today announced plans for a £100,000,000 increase in agricultural produce output during the next five years.

This will be the farmers' part in the one-way street of greater production for Britain's economic recovery.

"Farmers now have the greatest opportunities of their lives to do what they can without exception for a country in desperate straits," he told a press conference.

Mr. Williams also announced new acreage payments for wheat and potatoes.

He said: "I hope the announced inconvertibility of sterling will have no adverse effects on the import of feeding stuffs."

Otherwise he did not comment on Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton's statement of last night.

He said the plan depended on increased labour, the need for which is "self evident."

The Minister evaded questions on the effect of the programme to imports.—United Press.

NEW FORMS OF PIER LEASES PLANNED

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Lease will be granted in the first instance for 15 years from 1st January 1950, with an option for renewal for a further term of 15 years which shall subsequently be extended for yet another term of 15 years subject to mutual agreement between Government and the lessee. Rentals will be reassessed at the end of each fifteen year period. No lease will commence beyond 31st December, 1994.

Every lease will contain the following covenants:

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(iii) At all times to permit inspection by authorised officers of the Government.

(iv) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for any purpose other than the lessee's business without the written consent of the Governor.

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(v) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for any purpose other than the lessee's business without the written consent of the Governor.

(vi) To not make any alteration or extension of the pier or to erect any structure thereon without the written consent of the Director of Public Works.

(vii) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for the storage of materials or goods of any description, other than gear required for working the pier, or to permit such materials or goods to remain on the pier beyond the time actually required for transit purposes.

(viii) To comply with the provisions of all enactments now or hereafter in force regarding the construction, maintenance, lighting or use of piers.

(ix) To ensure the preservation of due order in the whole area included in the pier lease.

(x) Not to exhibit or permit to be exhibited any advertisement on or above the pier without the written consent of the Governor.

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—Reuter.

Present rentals are in accordance with the scale prescribed in the schedule to the Piers Ordinance, 1899, and this scale continues in force until 31st December, 1949.

It is recognised that special conditions will arise in the case of privately owned piers which are used for public utility services.

Ultimately defendant was traced and arrested.

The damage to the aircraft, continued S.I. Howarth, was estimated at \$1,000, while repairs to Mr. Hall's car would cost about \$270.

Pleading for leniency, defendant said that he had a mother, wife and two children to support. As the \$125 per month he was earning was in

the harbour frontage of the City of Victoria are on the same scale irrespective of the

—Reuter.

Deauville, Aug. 20.

Prince Ali Khan sold two

horses during today's session of

yearling sales here for a total of 2,020 guineas. The horses,

Setarah, a colt by Blue Moon

out of Blanchelande and Atlanta, a filly by Pirkil, out of Hor

Ladyship were the only two to

be brought out of six offered by Prince Ali Khan from his French stable at Marly Le Ville.

Setarah brought 700 guineas

and Atlanta went for 1,200

guineas.—Reuter.

YEARLING SALE

Young Watchman Was

An Ambitious Man

Chan Yuet-chiu, 29-year-old watchman employed

by the Far East Flying School at Kai Tak, was

an ambitious man.

He wanted to both better

his position and his

income of \$125 per month,

sufficient to make ends meet, he

was learning to drive.

"You went the wrong way

about it," said His Worship.

"We can't have people smashing

things up like this. You are not

child. You are 27 and should

know better."

When Chan declared that he

was 27 and not 27, His Worship

said, "That makes it worse."

Defendant was fined \$60 for

driving without a valid licence,

\$100 for failing to report the

accident, and \$100 for driving

without the owner's permission.

Apparently getting into a

blue funk, Chan drove the car

back to where he first found it

and disappeared without bothering

to report the accident.

Traced